

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-19, 21-28, 31, 32, 34, 36, and 39-54 are pending. Claims 1, 10, 18, 23, 25, 34, 42, 43, 44, 46, 52, 53, and 54 are in independent form.

In the response filed February 14, 2007, applicant stated that new claim 53 was added to recite subject matter drawn from former claims 25 and 26 and that new claim 54 was added to recite subject matter drawn from former claims 25 and 27. These statements were in error and applicant hereby expressly disclaims those statements. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the careful review of the claims and for catching the errors.

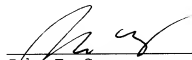
Instead, claim 54 recites subject matter drawn from former claims 25 and 26. Moreover, in the present response, claim 53 has been amended to recite subject matter drawn from claim 25 and former claims 26 and 27. Accordingly, claim 53 is believed to be allowable on the same basis that claim 54 stands allowed.

Please note that the amendment to claim 53 also addresses the rejection of claim 53 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Please apply the one-month extension of time fee and any other credits or charges, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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